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1. I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE MR. SCHWEBEL ON ECOSOC DELEGATION TO ASSIST WITH PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ITEMS. IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTION FROM DEPT., AS REFLECTED IN MY STATEMENT YESTERDAY, WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO HEAD OFF LENGTHY AND SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE ON THESE DELICATE ISSUES IN ECOSOC SESSION. THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL INDICATIONS THAT WE WILL SUCCEED IN MOVING PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY ITEM TO TRADE BOARD WITH ONLY STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD BY SOVIETS, ALGERIA, EL AL IN ECOSOC SESSION. BOTH SOVIETS AND MEXICANS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL DO SIMPLY PRO FORMA FOR THE RECORD STATEMENTS AND DO NOT EXPECT OR HOPE TO GET INTO SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE DUPLICATING EITHER SPECIAL SESSIONS OR UNCTAD

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WORKING GROUP PROCEEDINGS.

2. DE SEYNES PREPARED TO LABOR ARDUOUSLY FOR AGREEMENT ON DECISION IDENTICAL TO US POSITION ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

3. OUR HOPE OF FLUSHING THESE TWO HIGHLY CHARGED AND CONTENTIOUS ISSUES COULD POSSIBLY BE UNDERCUT IF PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR AT MEXICO CITY MEETING IS SEEN TO BE JOINING DELEGATION AT THIS TIME. THIS EVENTUALITY WOULD TRANSMIT ERRONEOUS SIGNAL THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO SHIFT THESE TWO ISSUES FROM UNCTAD TO ECOSOC OR THAT WE EXPECT TO SEE THIS SHIFT OCCUR AND ARE PREPARING FOR IT.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP CLOSE EYE ON THESE ISSUES DURING THE COMING WEEK. SHOULD EITHER ISSUE SHOW SIGNS OF ESCALATING INTO SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE OR NEGOTIATION, WE WOULD HOPE THAT AT THAT POINT MR. SCHWEBEL COULD IMMEDIATELY JOIN DELEGATION.

5. I WELCOME THE SUGGESTION THAT MR. SCHWEBEL AND AMB. FERGUSON JOIN IN GROUP B CONSULTATIONS ON CERD'S. THIS WOULD SHOREUP OUR POSITION THAT THIS ISSUE IS NOW EN TRAIN IN THE UNCTAD WORKING GROUP AND ECOSOC SHOULD NOT INTERFERE AT THIS STAGE.

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